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Selective livestock breeding is carried on in 57 agricultural cooperatives in Serbia. This breeding program is practiced first in the most important stock-raising districts, but later will spread to other places. The sheep-raising cooperative farm in Trgoviste has demonstrated the possibility of developing a new Yugoslav breed. Subotica, Novi Sad, Petrovac na Mlavi, on Brac Island, Solina, and other places have agricultural cooperatives engaged in scientific breeding of hogs. The Mlava, Zajecar, Misava, and Caribrod districts have excellent dairy organizations. Wine, figs, and olives are processed by many Dalmatian cooperatives. Four cooperatives in the Makar district have modern equipment for drying figs. Serbian cooperatives are preparing to process vegetables and fruit, and to dry prunes.

Although many training courses are being given in all the Republics, there is still a shortage of trained personnel. Difficulties also arise due to poor planning in certain cooperatives, or due to lack of cooperation with district cooperative unions or local People's Committees.

#### AGRICULTURAL COOPERATIVES -- Politika, No 13004, 16 Aug 48

Sixty-six buying-and-selling cooperatives in the Morava district have greatly extended their activities this year. Twenty-three agricultural cooperatives have set up a cooperative economy on an area of about 350 hectares. The cooperative in Katun raises great quantities of vegetables on its 30 hectares, and will also produce choice sugar beet seed. It has also acquired machinery for processing milk.

Two cooperatives have bought reapers with the profits from their cooperative economy. They have formed about 70 different processing sections. Soon the crafts in every village will be absorbed into cooperatives. The cooperative in Porodina has a turnery for processing building materials for cooperative houses, and the cooperative in Stanac has a large limekiln which also supplies lime to other cooperatives at less than the prevailing cost.

Electric lighting has been introduced in eight villages, and five others have poles and will soon have lighting. A hydroelectric power plant on a mountain stream is planned. Electric current will be conveyed to 36 new villages, according to the plan, and every village is expected to set up a cooperative economy.

#### COOPERATIVES IN THE NIS DISTRICT -- Borba, No 185, 1 Aug 48

Until 1947, cooperatives in the Nis district were occupied solely in selling industrial products. Recently, more and more of them are interesting themselves in agriculture. Cooperative farming has been organized in many villages, such as Donja Trnava, where about 30 hectares have been cultivated cooperatively, or Donji Barbes, where the cooperative has established its own farm. Many cooperatives are acquiring farm machinery for the use of members and on cooperative farms. Forty-four cooperatives in the district now have savings and loan departments; about 500,000 dinars are deposited in the Jasenica cooperative. Sixteen villages, in which the cooperatives have formed electrification sections, now have electric lights. About 40 agricultural cooperatives have formed trades sections. About 20 cooperatives have opened their own limekilns to supply village building cooperative dwellings and for other construction. The Gornji Matejevac cooperative also has a quarry in operation. More processing plants for milk, fruit, and vegetables are needed. The cooperative in Veliki Krcmar is the only milk-processing section opened so far, though the District Cooperative Union has a fruit-processing plant. In Donja Vlasa, 15 peasants have been operating a cooperative farm.

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NIS DISTRICT COOPERATIVES -- Politika, No 13002, 14 Aug 48

About 40 agricultural cooperatives in the Nis district have formed about 70 craft shops, especially blacksmith and tailor shops. The cooperatives in Gornji Matejevac and Jelasnica have their own quarries, and those in Sicevo, Maca, Donji and Gornji Matejevac, Kamenica, Jelasnica, and Pasjaca have winery sections.

COOPERATIVE FARM IN SERBIA -- Politika, No 13004, 16 Aug 48

At Vrelo, 124 households now belong to the agricultural cooperative, and only eight families in the whole village remain outside it. Milan Zoraja, its president, recently received an award of 20,000 dinars for having made it one of the best cooperatives in the country.

The cooperative cut 100 hectares of hay this year as well as last. Old people and children operate the four mowers and one horse-drawn rake. Since 1947, when the cooperative had no seed and not enough tools or harness, it has acquired all of these, and is obtaining breeding stock and machinery including a motor-driven corn grinder. It has made contracts for all its wheat, and received 118,000 dinars in advance in cash and an equal amount in bonds. All the wheat is used for seed.

The cooperative's land is among the worst in Kosovo. There is never enough water, though severe storms occur. So many workers are in the Army, schools, or training courses that there is insufficient labor to work the 400-hectare farm. A modern stable for 40 head of large livestock has been built; temporary sheepfolds will be set up in 1948, and stables for horses and pigs in 1949. The property may be transformed into a stock farm to solve the man-power problem.

A day nursery has been established in 1948 to free potential woman workers from housework and child care; but they do not realize that all children from three to seven years old are supposed to stay there. Up to four years old, it is all right; but, they reason, older children can take care of themselves, and should carry lunches to the fields and do small tasks. Otherwise, the day nursery is excellent, with clean beds and good food, and the director has passed a course in nursery management.

The Albanian women still wear veils, and do not easily adapt themselves to community work and meals. However, this year they weeded with the other women, and made twine for sheaves at home.

In 1947, 12 gipsy families, who asked to join the cooperative, were given a small plot each and became valued members of the cooperative.

In 1949 the workers will be divided into groups, each of which will be responsible for one field, from sowing to harvest. In 1948, 194 householders (19 Albanian, 12 gipsy, and 93 emigrant) planted 164 hectares of wheat, 56 of oats, and also barley, maize, and cabbage, and helped build a cooperative dwelling in Magura. At present their houses are made of mud and boards, frail and likely to collapse. They have no cultural hall, and there is no road to the village.

COOPERATIVES IN VOJVODINA -- Politika, No 13005, 18 Aug 48

Of the agricultural workers of the Baranja district, 93 percent belong to agricultural buying-and-selling cooperatives, of which there are 32 in the district. These cooperatives are preparing to set up a cooperative farm

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for each local agricultural cooperative, and a complex of arable land totaling about 1,000 acres has been selected for this purpose. The agricultural cooperative in Karda has a factory for vinegar and soda water, and some other factories. The agricultural cooperative in Popovac plans to establish fish ponds and nurseries for propagating grapevines and fruit trees. The members of the cooperative are showing keen interest in establishing a committee for joint cultivation of the soil.

Most of the cooperatives of the Sombor district already have their own blacksmith, wheelwright, cobbler, tailor, and machine shops, dairies and bakeries. According to the plan, each locality in the district will have its cooperative committee for agriculture, animal husbandry, trade, savings, and credit, local administration, and culture and education. Only the village of Ridjica, where conditions are favorable, will have a committee for the culture of fruit and vines.

#### AGRICULTURAL PLANS IN THE VOJVODINA -- Politika, No 13003, 15 Aug 48

The 26 agricultural cooperatives in the Novi Sad district have set up 34 processing plants to serve cooperative members and the urban food-supply program. The most successful cooperative is the one in Ravan, which has butcher shops, blacksmith shops, and its own machinery station. The one in Zmajevac had its own bakery by the beginning of 1948, and the new cooperative in Petrovaradin has a large mill with modern equipment. In 1948, the cooperatives in Banostor, Temerin, and Backi Petrovac opened their own dairies. Backi Jarak, Temerin, Kac, Zmajevac, and Backi Petrovac have scientific breeding stations for swine.

#### COOPERATIVES IN BOSNIA -- Borba, No 255, 20 Oct 48

The District Cooperative Union in Mostar is building three tobacco-drying sheds, one of which has been completed. A station for agricultural tools and machinery in Citluk has been planned. The cooperative in Jasovica will build an incubator station, and a greenhouse for early vegetables and tobacco seedlings will be established at Blagaj. Milk stations are to be built at Krusevo and Pctoci. The Stolac district has five tobacco-drying sheds, and will add a greenhouse for early vegetables and tobacco seedlings, a station for plant diseases and for cattle-raising and for fattening hogs, blacksmith, wheelwright, and cabinetmaking workshops, a mill, and an apiary for 150 hives. The Rudanka cooperative in the Doboj district has a cobbler shop and a prune-drying plant. The cooperatives in the Tesanjka district have brickyards and limekilns. Three cooperatives in the Teslic district are engaged in lumbering, and the cooperatives in Gradacac have a horticultural farm and four brickyards. The Bratunac cooperative in the Srebrenica district has a nursery for apple trees; the Pakovici cooperative in the same district has a blacksmith shop. In the Zvornik district, one cooperative has a shop for making plows, two cooperatives have limekilns, and two have brickyards. The cooperative union at Vlasenice has a motor-operated mill, and the cooperative at Tisac has a farm for raising swine.

#### SEED-CLEANING STATIONS IN CROATIA -- Politika, No 12995, 6 Aug 48

All cooperatives of the Tuzla district have set up stations for cleaning seed before the fall sowing. Efforts will be made to assure that all seed sown this year be previously cleaned.

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CROATIAN COOPERATIVE COMBINE -- Politika, No 13004, 16 Aug 48

The District Cooperative Combine in Vojšić has its own cabinet-making shop in which furniture is made for cooperative houses and offices. It also has a machine shop for repairing agricultural machinery and trucks, as well as locksmith and blacksmith shops.

COOPERATIVES IN SLAVONIAN OSIJEK DISTRICT -- Borba, No 187, 3 Aug 48

Four cooperatives in the Osijek district already have farm property. The cooperative in Dalj now has 45 cadastral acres, and in 1949 it will have all the abandoned land in the village. This fall, the local cooperatives in the Osijek district will receive all the land belonging to former agricultural associations now under the jurisdiction of local People's Committees.

Breeding stations have been established by eight buying-and-selling cooperatives in the district. Soon the local cooperatives will take over all breeding stock from agricultural organizations. Building modern, hygienic stables and securing sufficient winter feed are among their major problems. The cooperative in Ernestinovo has built a well-planned stable, and the cooperatives in Betfala and Vladimirovac have their own veterinary station and apiary. Fourteen cooperative brickworks in the district are producing bricks for cooperative houses.

SHOEMAKING IN SLAVONIA -- Vjesnik, No 1008, 30 Jul 48

Harmony, the shoemaking cooperative in Vukovar, has 75 members and 17 apprentices. It now produces about 1,000 pairs of shoes per month. It has five subsidiaries in Vukovar.

RIJEKA (FIUME) EFFORT POOR -- Borba, No 185, 1 Aug 48

In the Rijeka district, which produces wine grapes, figs, cherries, almonds, plums, and walnuts, the cooperatives have done little to develop fruit-growing, beekeeping, and sheep-raising.

SLOVENIAN LABOR COOPERATIVES -- Borba, No 187, 3 Aug 48

This year the number of farm labor cooperatives in Slovenia has risen from 250 to 1,176.

According to the present plan, most cooperatives will receive farm land from the Expropriated Property Fund and the Fund for Agrarian Reform.

Some factories in Slovenia are not filling orders from agricultural cooperatives. For example, badly needed iron farm implements have been held for some time in the warehouse of the District Business Union in Novo Mjesto. Prices for these tools have not been fixed.

COOPERATIVES IN BANJA LUKA DISTRICT -- Borba, No 185, 1 Aug 48

Though several processing plants have been set up in the district by buying-and-selling cooperatives, these plants are short of materials and space, both of which could be provided. The cooperatives often buy materials for these plants on the free market, and the farmers themselves are often required to procure materials for manufacture and repair of articles. This keeps production below capacity, especially in wheelwright and blacksmith shops.

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The District Cooperative Union has difficulty in obtaining space for cooperative stores and shops because the District People's Committee does not cooperate as well as it could. In Slatina, an entertainment firm moved into the cooperative's location, and the cooperative moved to a cellar where it could not carry on its buying-and-selling or processing activities. In Karanovac the space which was previously assigned to the cooperative has been taken over by a private tavern, and the cooperative has moved to a damaged shed.

Many cooperatives have become interested in procuring agricultural machinery, lanking, and purchase of milk and other agricultural products. Many cooperatives are capable of establishing milk-processing stations.

#### NEW COOPERATIVE STORES -- Celobodjenje, No 589, 13 Sep 48

The new cooperative stores opened recently in Banja Luka include two textile stores, one for controlled and one for free sale, two groceries, one restaurant, two butcher shops, a dairy, a stationery store, two haberdasheries, and a store for glassware and dishes.

#### DEVELOPMENT IN MONTENEGRO -- Politika, No 13002, 14 Aug 48

In Montenegro, 63,396 persons belonged to cooperatives at the beginning of 1948, and 330,000, practically the entire population of Montenegro, obtain their provisions from cooperative stores. There are now 264 cooperative markets and 232 retail stores in the Republic, and 125 more cooperative markets and 116 retail stores are to be opened in 1948. Lack of experience in management and a shortage of trained bookkeeping and financial personnel have posed a serious organizational problem.

In 1947, there were only four farm workers' cooperatives in Montenegro; at the beginning of 1948, there were 19. Four hundred eighty-two households, or 2,300 individuals, have joined such organizations. Most of the farm workers' cooperatives are in the Berane and Bjelopolje districts. Most members have voluntarily contributed practically all their property to the cooperative holdings. Of the cooperatives' 1,929 hectares, 1,927 were contributed by the members. Most of the property is cropland and meadow, and most of the cropland is planted in grain, while cotton and other industrial plants are grown over a large area. The Berane, Andrijevica, and Bjelopolje districts in particular have favorable conditions for the development of agriculture, animal husbandry, and fruit-growing. Veterinary science and beekeeping are also being developed. Barns, dehydrating plants, veterinary hospitals, apiaries, and other buildings are being built. Work is organized by the brigade system, usually with working norms. Advanced agricultural methods are practiced on the farms. Sixty-one cooperative dwellings were built in Montenegro this year.

#### PROJECTS IN MACEDONIA -- Borba, No 187, 3 Aug 48

The projects which the Union of Buying-and-Selling Cooperatives plans to establish in 19 districts by the end of 1948 include 150 machinery stations, 140 seed centers, 25 workshops, 380 breeding stations, 146 savings and loan sections, 16 incubator stations, 126 veterinary stations, and 127 apiaries. In addition, the District Cooperative Union will set up 12 machinery stations, 13 seed centers, and 25 workshops.

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STRUMICA CO-OPS IN MACEDONIA -- Borba, No 187, 3 Aug 48

The 30 buying-and-selling cooperatives in the Strumica district have a virtual trade monopoly in their villages since private commerce was eliminated in 1947. By the middle of July 1948 the Union of District Cooperatives in Strumica had bought manufactured goods worth 91,937,000 dinars at fixed prices, and, in June alone, 3,800,000 dinars' worth of agricultural produce.

This year, cooperative estates were formed in Turnovo, Murtino, and Dabljja, the last consisting of 20 hectares. By fall, eight more villages will have cooperative farms for fattening hogs. Cooperative seed stations are being formed in ten villages of the district. During the summer, the plots with the best crops are selected and blocked off for seed production. By the end of 1948, the cooperatives will have about 20 seed stations. Fourteen cooperatives have established sections for agricultural-machinery service. The District Union of Cooperatives has ordered 43 large agricultural machines and much other equipment.

Cooperatives have taken over 13 water mills from local People's Committees. A cooperative in Kosturino has opened a limekiln. Two dairy cooperatives are operating in Vasiljevo and Strumica. Six cooperative handicraft shops have been opened, and preparations are being made to open 34 more. This year, 13 cooperative sheep farms will be organized in mountain villages; in other villages, five cooperative drying plants for tobacco, fruit and vegetables, 21 veterinary stations and 18 apiaries will be built; cooperative bakeries will be opened in 15 villages; three cooperatives will begin a fruit-tree nursery; and two villages will build hotbeds for vegetable-seed production.

Some villages, including Vasiljevo, Gradosorci, and Angeloi, have already set up farm workers' cooperatives, and it is believed that many more will be formed by the end of 1948. The present buying-and-selling cooperatives will be transformed into commercial-retail sections of these cooperatives.

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